(c) how much money has been sanctioned for implementation of this scheme; and

(d) what skills would be imparted under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A scheme for leadership development of minority women is under consideration for launching it during 2009-10. A budgetary provision of Rs. 8 crores has been provided for this scheme for 2009-10.

Scholarship to minority communities

386. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students of minority communities given scholarship by the Ministry, minority community-wise;

(b) the figures of each community, State-wise;

(c) the number of minority students who have been given grant or scholarship for studies abroad, community-wise; and

(d) the number of applications pending with the Ministry, community-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Community-wise and State-wise information on Pre-matric Scholarship, Post-matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-means based Scholarship is available at the website-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in-of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

(c) and (d) Nil, Sir.

Development of minority concentration district

387. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 districts have been selected in the country as minority concentration areas for overall development of minorities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the benefit of the schemes is also being extended to people other than minorities also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of minority concentration districts (MCDs) and the scheme of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts are available on the website www.minorityafairs. gov.in.

(c) and (d) The Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts is a special area development programme and has been launched in the 2008-09 for addressing the development deficits in socio-economic parameters and basic amenities identified by a baseline survey. Identified development deficits would be made up through a district specific plan for provision of better infrastructure for school and secondary education, sanitation, pucca housing, drinking water supply, basic health infrastructure, ICDS centre etc. The programme aims at improving the availability of such infrastructure and benefits provided through different Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) by augmenting them. Such infrastructure and benefits are meant for all communities and the programme does not permit any change in the existing CSS guidelines. To ensure that the maximum benefits are given to the minorities in the MCDs, the programme envisages that priority be given for location of infrastructure and benefits in villages/blocks/localities having a substantial minority population.

Benefits of 15 point programme

388. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI :

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of 15 point programme is not reaching the minorities in real terms;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the drawbacks in its implementation;

(d) the suggestions received for making this programme a success; and

(e) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (e). The Prime Ministerus New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was launched in June, 2006 incorporating programme specific interventions. The new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. The programme provides for a close monitoring mechanism at the Centre, State and District levels. The status of implementation of the new programme has been reviewed six times. The Ministries/Departments whose schemes are included in the programme have reported achievements and the same for the year 2008-09 is given in enclosed Statement (See below). Three new schemes have been included in the new 15 Point Programme *viz* National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) of the Department of Drinking Water Supply, and Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) and Urban Infrastructure